S.No.	NH No.	Section	Length (km)
4	9	Pune-Hyderabad-Vijayawada-Machilipatnam	451
5	16	Nizamabad-Jagdalpur	235
6	18	Chittoor-Kurnool	360
7	43	Raipur-Vishakhapatnam	90
8	63	Ankola-Gooty	55
9	202	Hyderabad-Bhopalapatnam	306
10	205	Anantapur-Chennai	342
11	214	Kathipudi-Pamarru	244
12	219	Madanapalli-Krishnagiri	136
		TOTAL:	4092

Laying of Concrete Roads

3486. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway Authority of India is planning to lay 2200 kms. of roads by laying concrete;

(b) whether inspite of being expensive cement roads are long lasting and require little maintenance and are used by all the developed countries all over the world for long term gains; and

(c) if so, what are Government's views in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: (a) The National Highways Authority of India is planning to lay concrete roads in a length of 1639 Km.

(b) and (c) Even though the initial cost of cement concrete road is higher, in terms of life cycle cost it is found cost effective in some cases. However, it is not a fact that only concrete roads are being provided world over. Government is thus providing both the concrete pavement as also, the bituminous pavements, on National Highways depending on availability of equipment, contracting industry and cost of construction.

Closure of Engineer Liaison's Office at Imphal

3487. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Engineer Liaison Officer (ELO)s office was opened at Imphal (Manipur);

(b) if so, when it was closed;

(c) the reasons for its closure; and

(d) the future plan under contemplation for proper monitoring and supervision of works of NHs in the landlocked areas of the North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1992.

(c) In view of the requirement of officers at headquarters, the work of Engineer Liaison Office at Imphal was transferred to Regional Office, Guwahati.

(d) The works on National Highways entrusted to the States are implemented by State PWDs as agencies of the Central Government, who also undertake the supervison and quality control of the works. The works are monitored by the Regional Officer at Guwahati through inspections. Periodical reviews and inspections are also carried out by officers at the headquarters of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Upgradation of Phulnakhara-Puri Road

3488. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to upgrade 100 Km. road from Phulnakhara to Puri *via* Konark in Orissa has been pending since large;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether the above proposal would be implemented during 2001-2002; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: (a) to (d) The proposal for upgradation of Phulnakhara-Puri road had been received in the Ministry only in January, 2001. The proposal forwarded by the State Government of Orissa would be considered alongwith similar proposals received from other State Governments after finalisation of the Tenth Five Year Plan keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.